REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-46 are pending in the current application and subject to a restriction/election requirement. Consideration and allowance of all claims 1-19 and 21-46 are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed an Election of Species Requirement and requested that Applicant elect one of three identified species for prosecution in connection with the present application. The three species are as follows:

Species I Figure 5, including claims 1-19 and 21-46; and **Species II** Figure 6, including claims 1-19 and 21-46.

The Examiner indicates that no claims appear generic to each species.

Applicant's Election and Traverse

Applicant respectfully elects <u>Species II</u>, on which claims 1-19 and 21-46 read, **with traverse**.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election of Species Requirement.

The Examiner states that an election among Species I and II is proper because each figure has mutually exclusive characteristics. Applicants respectfully submit that election under MPEP § 803 is improper unless a serious burden would **otherwise** be placed on the Examiner. Applicants respectfully note that each claim as presently presented reads on FIG. 6, illustrating flags indicating

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jumping points between cells to be reproduced on a computer readable

medium. By requiring an election of Figure 6, the Examiner has required no

claims to be withdrawn. Thus, there is no burden in examining the application

with all species, because no additional claims must be examined. Withdrawal

of the election of species requirement is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the

outstanding Restriction and Election of Species Requirement and favorable

allowance of all claims 1-19 and 21-46 in the instant application are earnestly

solicited. In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the

Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent,

and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16

or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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